

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended): A skin cleansing microemulsion composition comprising:
 - (a) 5 to 30% by wt. microemulsion of an oil or oils which dissolve at least 20% triolein and which have spreadability factor S^R of greater than 0.3 to less than 2.5, wherein said oil or oils comprises squalene or squalane or a mixture of the two;
 - (b) 5 to 40% by wt. microemulsion of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic amphoteric/zwitterionic, cationic and mixtures thereof;
 - (c) 1 to 15% microemulsion of water-soluble cosurfactant comprising C_2 - C_{10} straight or branched chain alcohol;
 - (d) 0 to 30% water soluble polyalcohol or humectant; and
 - (e) balance water;wherein epidermal proteins and lipid organization of stratum corneum washed with said microemulsion is not damaged as measured by transepidermal water loss tests.
2. (original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein said oil has spreadability factor of > 0.5 to < 1.0 .

3. (original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein composition comprises nonionic surfactant.
4. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 3, wherein said nonionic surfactant is polyoxyalkylenated alcohol.
5. (original): A composition according to claim 1, comprising 3 to 10% by wt. C₂-C₁₀ alcohol.
6. (original): A composition according to claim 1, comprising 0.1 to 25% by wt. water soluble polyalcohol or humectant.
7. (original): A composition according to claim 6, wherein humectant is C₂-C₆ alkylene glycol, C₂-C₆ alkyl glycerol or urea.
8. (original): A composition according to claim 1, additionally comprising 0.5 to 10% sensory agent.
9. (new): A method of cleansing skin without damaging epidermal proteins and the lipid organization of stratum corneum of said skin, wherein said absence of damage is measured by transepidermal water loss tests, wherein said method comprises using a microemulsion composition comprising:

- (a) 5 to 30% by wt. microemulsion of an oil or oils which dissolve at least 20% triolein and which have spreadability factor S^R of greater than 0.3 to less than 2.5;
- (b) 5 to 40% by wt. microemulsion of a surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic amphoteric/zwitterionic, cationic and mixtures thereof;
- (c) 1 to 15% microemulsion of water-soluble cosurfactant comprising C_2 - C_{10} straight or branched chain alcohol;
- (d) 0 to 30% water soluble polyalcohol or humectant; and
- (e) balance water.